February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

TO: Members of the Senate Tax Committee

FROM: Marg Crennen, volunteer advocate AARP Montana

RE: SB 282—Increase income phase-out cap for pension and annuity exclusion

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, my name is Marg Crennen and I'm a volunteer advocate for AARP Montana—a non-profit, non-partisan organization of 165,000 members in this state. AARP Montana believes that in these tough economic times, Senate Bill 282 is an appropriate bill. It would put a million and a half dollars over the next two years into the hands of low-income retired Montanans. This will both help their standard of living contribute to stimulating our economy. Thank you and we urge a do pass on SB 282.